GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
STEEL
LOK SABHA

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PROBLEMS FACED BY SPONGE IRON INDUSTRY
NAWAL KISHORE RAI;RAMJI LAL SUMAN

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Sponge Iron Manufacturers Association has submitted their demands to the Government,

(b) if so the details of the demands;

(c) whether the Government has constituted a committee to sole iron ore related issues faced by sponge iron industry;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the committee has submitted its report to the Government; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATEIN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI BRAJA KISHORE TRIPATHY)

(a) &(b): Sponge Iron Manufacturers Associationhas represented regarding serious problems of availability of right grade of iron ore at affordable prices, inadequate availability of non coking coal of right grade and quality, restricted supply of natural gas below the contracted quantities and consistent threat of its major price increase.

(c) & (d): To look into iron ore related issues faced by sponge iron industry, the Government has constituted a Committee comprising of representatives from the industry association, Ministry of Mines, Governments of Orissa & Jharkhand and public sector iron ore mining companies.

(e) The Committee has not submitted its report.

(f) Does not arise in view of (e) above.